

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L RIYADH 532

FOR AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, ELAB, SA  
SUBJECT: LABOR MINISTRY ENFORCEMENT OF BAN ON WOMEN WORKING

1. USLO TRIED TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOR BUT WAS TOLD HE WAS IN GENEVA, EVIDENTLY AT THE ILO CONFERENCE. DURING PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS, AL-FAYEZ SAID HE HAD DELIBERATELY LOOKED THE OTHER WAY IN CASES OF WOMEN WORKING. WHENEVER RELIGIOUS PRESSURE GOT TOO STRONG TO IGNORE, HE SAID, HE WOULD MAKE TOKEN MOVES TO DEFLECT IT AND THEN WAIT FOR THE STORM TO BLOW OVER.

2. COMMENT: JECOR HAS TOLD US THAT THE LABOR MINISTER HAS ALSO BEEN OUT OF COUNTRY FOR SOME TIME. IT MAY BE THAT THE RECENT INSPECTIONS, SO CONTRARY TO ASSURANCES GIVEN TO US BY THE SAG, ARE DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE MINISTRY HAS NO ONE AT THE TOP TO MODERATE AND COORDINATE THE MINISTRY'S RESPONSE TO THIS ISSUE. CASES SO FAR APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY LOW LEVEL OFFICIAL PIQUE.  
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